

HOUSE BILL 2539
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3;
Title 4; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to certain
restrictions placed on health care providers
participating in the TennCare program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

71-5-149.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the state may not impose on any
health care provider participating in the TennCare program or require any managed care
organization participating in the TennCare program to impose any restriction on such
providers concerning conflicts of interest, lobbying, petitioning government or speech
that is more restrictive than any such restrictions imposed by federal law. No managed
care organization participating in the TennCare program may impose any such
restrictions on a health care provider who participates in the TennCare program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.